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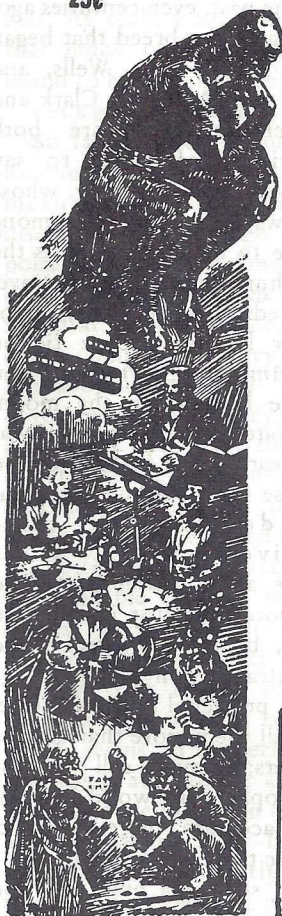
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From The Readers

FORUM is for those who are willing to share their thoughts, experiences and conclusions with others, and at the same time subject them to the cross-examination of honest debate and analysis. No subject is taboo if presented in honor and decency. FORUM is your round-table of expression; so "Let us reason together".



Editorial

Mariner 6 and Mariner 7 have reached Mars and gone on toward their rendezvous with the sun. Both have radioed incredibly good photographs back to Earth, and these photographs have solved some of the age-old questions we have regarding that planet. But they have also posed many more questions. We know much more about Mars than we did before the three successful Mariners (Mariner 4 also sent back photos, of much less brilliance, whose only surprise was the revelation that lunar-like craters also existed on Mars), but we have also acquired a fantastic number of new problems and mysteries.

At this stage, while scientists' reports on their analyses of their findings in these photographs and the additional experiments intended to discover something about the existence of certain elements and chemicals on Mars is so incomplete, it would seem premature to draw any conclusions. However, your editor already had many conclusions, based on previous information, and on previous theory; so it will not be amiss to do some more theorizing, and place it before you so that later on, as the facts come out, you can compare and see just how correct or incorrect our theories are, and how logical it is to indulge in such activity.

We ought to remember that the entire space program, as we see it today, is merely an evolution into mechanical reality of the theories expressed in "science fiction" by writers of the past, even centuries ago, but particularly the breed that began with Jules Verne, H.G. Wells, and most lately with Arthur C. Clark and Robert Heinlein, who are both personal friends of mine, to say nothing of the late Willy Ley, whose death sorrows us greatly, and among whom I like to include myself as the author of hundreds of space travel stories and editor for eleven years of the world's leading science fiction magazine, *Amazing Stories*. As you watched the landing on the moon, you were watching, exactly as it was portrayed years ago, a feat performed in the precise scientific and technical manner described by those imaginative writers, whose imaginations and theories proved to be much more than just imagination and theory, being very precise and scientific extrapolation of knowledge then extant, projected into the future. We might call them more than science fiction writers; we might call them the best true prophets the world has ever seen, more accurate, more scientific, more realistic than ever known.

With that sort of a build up, you

might begin to wonder what is coming, and you will be prepared to scrutinize it very carefully. But I wonder if you will not be almost too ready to accept it—and with that in mind, I wish to emphasize that it *is* theory, and that it *is* extrapolation, and that it *is* a projection of *known* fact. As such, I am willing to predict that *much* of it will eventually be found to be literally true.

Let's get to it, then!

So far, Mariners 6 and 7 have told us the following things: 1) there is methane gas on Mars (it was discovered at the edge of the south polar ice cap, where melting is going on); 2) there is ammonia on Mars (also found at the same place); 3) the polar cap is composed of *very deep*, in fact *tremendous* drifts of "snow" that cover even some very deep craters and drifts over high ridges of these craters; 4) there is a mysterious dark area at the center of the polar area which has been ascribed to "melting", in spite of the fact that it is unreasonable to have melting at the *coldest* portion of the cap and no melting further "north" where it is warmer than at the pole itself; 5) there is a mysterious very large area which seems to be perfectly smooth and level, and unlike all the rest of Mars, unpitted by even a single crater, a very inexplicable fact, say the scientists who are vastly intrigued; 6) the existence, over the polar area, of a

cover-cloud of carbon dioxide (here we have a difference of opinion on the part of two researchers, using different instruments—one says the polar cap is totally carbon dioxide, which is difficult to assess in light of its enormous quantity, while the other says it is totally water and the snow and ice on the surface are protected from radiations from space by the thin cloud of carbon dioxide that floats above it). We might add that the water hypothesis bears the most weight, because it is observably melting and is linked with methane gas and ammonia at the edge of the polar cap. We must not forget that not too long ago, telescopes were elevated above the Earth's atmosphere, with instruments specially designed to detect water vapor in Mars' atmosphere, and the results were definitely positive. With this evidence to bolster the case for water being the nature of the Martian ice cap, we lean toward that as the more logical and reasonable hypothesis.

What is it that we have? We have the reasonable possibility that some form of life can, and indeed does, exist on Mars, since both methane (*swamp* gas) and ammonia exist, in the presence of water. Nothing further, other than energy (heat, light, etc), is necessary to create life forms. It must be remembered that the photos of Mars are black and white; there is no color to help us in

determining what is the true condition of this evidence of methane and ammonia at the melting edge of the polar ice cap. We can't know if it is green in color, indicating vegetation, mosses, lichens, etc, or even swamps and forests. We only see that the area is "darker" than its frozen and unfrozen adjoining areas.

Further, we have the existence of "drifted" material, either snow or carbon dioxide (and we have a preponderance of evidence that it is snow), to depths that are estimated to be anywhere from 1500 feet deep to 5000 (or more), apparently blown by wind so as to form giant dunes, very remarkably similar to the great sand dunes so beautifully photographed from space by our astronauts in Gemini and Apollo flights in orbit around Earth. The drifts also almost cover giant craters and their walls. This would compare the Martian south polar ice cap to that of Earth's Antarctic ice cap, which is up to 10,000 feet thick. Photographs of the Antarctic are dramatically identical to photos of the Martian Antarctic. Indeed, some of the projecting mountains of Antarctica bear a startling resemblance to the long ranges of the half-buried crater walls of the Martian polar cap area.

Most intriguing is the large "dark" area in the center of the polar ice field. What is it? If it is true that it is an area of melting, what is causing

that melting? There is a strange relationship to this observation which brings to mind the reports of many polar explorers who have reported how it gets inexplicably warmer as the pole is approached. Our readers will remember, of course, our theories on the "hollow Earth" which postulates that there is a polar opening, out of which warm breezes blow, distinctly un-arctic vegetation floats, strange pollens fall upon the ice, and birds and musk-ox migrate the wrong way. Like Mars, it seems, Earth's poles have thick blankets of clouds which hide the actual surface from observation from the air or space, except for rare intervals. It seems strange that some space photos of Earth have also shown mysterious dark areas at the pole centers which should have been white with snow and ice, considering the fact it was the dead of winter and no melting was going on, and in fact, never really could expose the surface, particularly at the south pole.

If you are unwilling to accept a "hollow Mars" as well as a hollow Earth, what are the alternatives? These are several—one could be the existence of volcanic activity at the Martian south pole, which doesn't seem to be indicated by any evidence seen either there or anywhere else on Mars, perhaps even only in the form of hot springs (in which case we definitely have to have a considerable supply of water); the other is (here it

comes!) the existence, on Mars, in the *only* place where its inhabitants would be comparatively protected from the ultra-violet radiations of space, of a *city* which is artificially warmed, thus causing the melting of the snow that would otherwise cover the area.

The truth of the matter is, Mariners 6 and 7 have done a great deal to blast big holes in the theory that only very primitive plant life, lichens and so on, can exist on Mars. Now we have the nagging suspicion that conditions *actually exist* which could lend themselves to human life!

You must remember that our astronauts have reported that from space, as little as a hundred miles up, there is no evidence that there is human life on this planet. How then are we to determine, from a distance of more than 2000 miles, in only black and white, whether or not there is man on Mars? Not possible! He could be there, and we cannot know it until we go there!

Up to now, scientists have been absolutely stunned by the discoveries made possible by Mariners 6 and 7. As time goes by, there will be many revisions of the thinking on Mars, and the information now at hand, yet to be processed in many ways, may change drastically as further analysis proceeds. Some of these initial observations may be discredited, found in error; but new analysis may bring out even more startling and

baffling facts. We will be following the reports of these scientists avidly as the months (perhaps years) pass. And we predict, the reports will do much to further mystify, rather than clarify, the problem of life on Mars.

We haven't even mentioned that vast area, circular in nature, where there are no craters. We hesitate to theorize, but isn't it true that here is another area where a "city" could exist, inside a giant crater, roofed over (now that the time of giant meteor impacts is past in the evolution of the planet) with a protective covering, designed to hold inside it an atmosphere and climate where man can live and thrive?

Oh no, we *haven't* unmasked Mars' secrets yet! We've only discovered a thousand more! And they cannot but excite those of us who so accurately predicted space travel itself. And lastly, there is the prime mystery of the moons of Mars. No photos of these—and *you and I* would have made that a *must* goal of our photographic Mariners. There is very good evidence that they are *artificial*; both the Russians and our own space scientists consider it is quite likely; unless the laws of physics, as we know them, have been rescinded in the case of Phobos and Deimos. Could they be power plants to provide energy to run the cities of Mars?

Tars Tarkas and Dejah Thoris, we may yet shake your hands!—Rap.

Map of Atlantic's Floor Confirms

"ANCIENT ATLANTIC"

The National Geographic Society's map, the Two Faces of the Atlantic, arrived with the June magazine. The visible part of the ocean is mapped on one side of the page, its currents and depths traced in a way familiar to geography students. Oceanographers report that the Atlantic's brine contains vegetation and more than a third of the world's fish. That's about all most people knew concerning the ocean which stretches from pole to pole over one-sixth of the earth's surface. But turn the map over, and the other face of the Atlantic—its bottom—is revealed for the first time in history. That map, looking more like a photograph than a cartograph, makes clear the dangers faced by all deep-sea sailors.

After some 20 years and millions of soundings, the Atlantic floor was diagrammed by geophysicists Dr. Bruce C. Heezen and Miss Marie Tharp of Colombia University's Lamont Geological Observatory. From their interpretation Austrian artist Heinrich

C. Berann created a map-painting of the ocean's bottom. One must see it to believe it. It's as if somebody pulled a plug, allowing the Atlantic's 85 million cubic miles of water to run out, revealing its bordering continents resting on land plateaus which extend out from shore. Suddenly, each continental shelf drops off, often as much as 12,000 feet to the true bottom termed the Abyssal Plain which averages 16,000 feet below sea level.

Running 10,000 miles down the center of the floor is the world's highest mountain range, called the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, stretching in an S-shape from north to south. Its crest is split by a narrow crack, evidence of the range's volcanic origin. National Geographic reports, "Here violent eruptions continue, and unseen by man, molten rock constantly wells up through the rift as the sea floor—and the continents as well—move apart approximately an inch a year."

Besides the north-south chasm, east-west splits cut across the range

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DEBUNKING *the* SUBCONSCIOUS

By Alfred J. Parker

Our scientific civilized world loves to revel in technical terms designed to add distinction and finesse to social conversation. One of our greatest and most modern channels of technical curiosity arises from the pseudoscience called psychiatry. After centuries of complete ignorance on mental problems and the origin and manifestation of human mind, a theory, then called psychology, was proclaimed as the possible salvation of mankind. It proposed to measure human intelligence and to classify human mind in categories relative to certain I.Q. standards of measurement known only to psychiatrists who set their own standards. They proposed to cure mental ills and raise the human standard of intelligence.

Because of the lack of anything more concrete, psychology or psychiatry as it is known today, has become an international fad: a very foolish executive is he who does not

have his employees' I.Q. for their ratings of intelligence and their vocational capabilities—all this in the interests of efficiency and profit. Men are committed to prison upon the mental evidence of psychiatrists or committed to mental institutions, neither of which has any cure to offer except drugs, insulin and electric shock treatments, none of which show a healthy average of cures. Like drugs, the shock treatments lose their potency, even should they offer temporary relief. The treatments become more prevalent as the periods of sanity become more decreased. After at least thirty-five years of mental experimentation, medical science declares that in a very short time the ratio of sanity and insanity will be one to one. One scientist recently said that such a ratio is already in evidence.

The staggering sale of sleeping drugs, and drugs designed for relaxation and stimulation alone

disprove the efficiency of the psychiatric theory. Their failure lies in the fact that they are merely cataloguing human inhibitions and frustrations to arrive at the age classification of the individual. Why a thirty-year-old individual has only a seventeen-year-old mind is still as great a mystery as ever.

It was thought that lobotomy operations would cure mental ills until this theory was disproved by cases such as the man in New York, who was injured seriously in the head and was not expected to live, so over a third of his brain was removed. While in convalescence there was much speculation as to his possible mental deficiency. It was thought and published in the newspapers that he would lose all power of concentration, would not be able to remember some of the past, nor speak with continuity. However the final result was, "a natural individual in every respect". Then along came another bright idea consisting of boring holes in the human skull, then inserting electric wires, tipped with rounded points, attaching these wires to an electric battery and shooting a mild current of electricity into the brain cells, thus endeavouring to stimulate the mind to normalcy. There are no doubt many other fantastic ideas for stimulating the mind, in fact there is an electrical machine that measures one's degree of thinking, showing one's brain

capacity, no doubt measuring the electrical impulses that emanate from the brain cells as the mind thinks or is disturbed emotionally. The same principle is used in the lie detector machine.

These are all clever ideas—like classifying one's inhibitions and reactions to questions to arrive at one's age group in mental intelligence. They all symbolize the old adage "It is too late to lock the stable door after the horse is stolen."

There seems to be one alarming error in all theories pertaining to mental diseases. It is that science has not yet learned that the brain cells are not the mind but just the brain that received mental intelligent impressions through electrical pulsations that manifest through the senses and through concept. This point has been definitely and scientifically proven through hypnosis, for mental entities such as Bridey Murphy and other outside thought forms may be expressed through the negative brain of the hypnotic subject.

The brain is not the mind, they are in two completely different spheres of life; the brain is a mechanical device, a part of human form, an effect not the cause, which is contrary to the general concept. Thinking is not purely a chemical formula i.e., thoughts are not chemically created in the brain, only as the cells of the brain receive the mental impression, the stimulation

sets up a chemical reaction that transmits the mental impulses through the senses and sympathetic nervous system; thus creating what is termed a mental impression.

Thought is an abstract power and is a positive phenomenon of nature. The human brain is a negative, finite or physical manifestation, merely a receiving set. Mind is cause, brain is effect, and effect cannot create cause or abstract power. For instance, the physical phenomenon called procreation, can produce a physical body in the form of a child, but it cannot create the mind or intelligence of the child. If it could, then highly intelligent beings could be created through selective breeding. Even this has been tried and has failed.

What is mind is still the greatest question and mystery of the age. Millions of deficient and unbalanced minds are awaiting the answer to this tragic question. Science tells us that the human race is fast falling into mass insanity.

It has been extensively publicized that the number one major medical problem today is "Schizophrenia" or "Split Personality." This accounts for uncontrolled thoughts, for strange inhibitions, such as a Jekyll and Hyde nature, for sudden and uncontrolled desires to kill or to commit suicide. One lady once told the writer that every day at 2:00 o'clock she had to put her six-month-old baby to bed

and then go for a long walk to keep herself from choking the baby to death. This went on every day for months until the urge was removed through a mental process known to the writer. The strangest thing was that the mother was a very normal and intelligent woman except for this one defect; had she not been so she would have succumbed to the desire. Take the case of a kleptomaniac who may be very rich in worldly wealth, perhaps the mother of a healthy family and well respected, and may be highly intelligent except for one thing and that is the desire to steal. The same conditions have a disastrous effect upon children. This would be termed a mental inhibition or disease seemingly unrelated to arthritis, polio, paralysis or other physical sickness and disease. When science learns to understand mind, it will discover that all experiences whether personal, mental or physical, as in all forms of sickness are the result of a certain mental phenomenon, the correction for which has already been discussed by this writer.

I know of an authentic case of an eleven-year-old girl who almost overnight developed paralysis; she practically lost the use of one arm and one leg and her tongue became thick or uncontrolled in speech; she stumbled almost every step she took. The split personality was removed and in less than three months the girl was

back to normal health and had full control of her limbs and tongue.

Then there was the case of a four-year-old child, who following a polio attack, lost all desire to leave her bed and complained bitterly if touched; nothing would interest her; her legs and arms were emaciated almost as in a severe case of rickets. This was not all, one day her mother discovered that she could not see her daddy whose face was just outside the window; she could not focus her eyes, and she cried steadily. After removing the split personality, the child quickly recovered her locomotion, was happy, started to walk and play, and regained her sight. Today she is a strong healthy child. This principle could hold good in almost every form of sickness. I have also demonstrated the schizophrenic angle in seasickness.

To date, science has not come forth with any logical or basic answer to schizophrenia, their research is still in its experimental stage. One of the most modern fads relative to psychiatry is the so-called "Tapping the Subconscious". One reclines upon a couch and is induced to relax into a state of self-hypnosis; sometimes induced by a sleeping pill. This is supposed to open the door to the subconscious mind, an imaginative plane that is supposed to contain the wisdom of the universe besides being a complete filing system of one's experiences. It not only bares your

present mind and life of all its experiences, but is supposed to reach back to the prenatal period before the body was completely formed and disclose all the parents' family secrets that could have a bearing upon your life forty years later. Even better it now proposes to bring into living mental form your previous incarnation, to wit the Bridey Murphy fiasco. But still no answer to mental diseases and split personality.

The subconscious has been the alibi for every mental inhibition or problem. Millions of dollars and much time has been spent in trying to uncover the subconscious, believing it to be a plane of mind to be desired as the complete answer to a full and complete life. There are no concrete, basic laws pertaining to its secrets, only at times, strange mental phenomena occur that seem too mystical to account for in any other way than to ascribe it to the subconscious.

To study the average metaphysical theory of the subconscious mind, one would come to the conclusion that it is a limitless plane of wisdom that can be contacted through blind faith, merely knowing that if you have a problem you cannot solve, you literally throw it down the hatch and forget it, and the answer will be forthcoming in the near future. What a blissful state of ignorance, necessitating a state of complete

mental negativity, either self-induced or through mental suggestion as in hypnosis. Man has yet to learn that wisdom cannot be found upon the path of negativity.

What a hope! To think that the answer to human problems, plus the key to the human mind, determining mental progress or mental confusion, can be gained by setting aside one's conscious mental control and sinking into a state of complete mental and emotional negativity, hoping for a vision or a message-from whom? From whence does the subconscious mind receive its wisdom?

Where is the relationship between the subconscious mind and the plane of insanity? Even insane people have very lucid visions and most of them mutter although not always upon a couch. The word subconscious has been done to death; either find a more logical alibi or find the true key to

human mind. One cannot discuss mind logically unless one knows just what mind really is, its origin and disposition. Science has not progressed upon subconscious visions but upon mathematical reason and logic, upon the development of human mind through scientific mathematical formula.

When man has discovered the key to human mind, he will be able to guard the human mind against schizophrenia, or dissolve a split personality at will. You will not find the answer in drugs, surgery or shocks or in twilight sleep. Man is only kidding himself, talking in technical riddles. Let us not be too interested in the "ology", let us discover the "psycho"; not alibi every mental problem as being subconscious in its origin. Man should be taught to think constructively and to be responsible for his own thoughts and actions.

MAP OF ATLANTIC'S FLOOR CONFIRMS "ANCIENT ATLANTIC"

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like knives. Each tremendously deep rift is sided by steep mountains some of which rise so high that they protrude above the waves forming islands. Such are the Azores soaring 23,615 feet above the Abyssal Plain. But others remain hidden below the water's surface although rising like giant stalagmites thousands of feet

from the floor creating hazards to undersea maneuvering.

Surely the map-picture of the Atlantic's floor is a geological-oceanographic landmark which will be of inestimable value to future submariners while it unveils another of earth's mysteries.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN — — — —

INSURANCE?

RAY PALMER

These are the days of “security”; of the “father” government; of “freedom from want, freedom from poverty, freedom from the poor house in old age, freedom from every conceivable disaster”. These are the days of “your true friend and protector, the insurance man”. Even the government is in the insurance business, selling “social security” (compulsory, whether you want it or not, can afford it or not, choose to be self-reliant and responsible or not).

But let’s take a closer look at it. Is it really so secure? And is it really so “benevolent” and “well meaning”?

On the outer facade, let’s just start with the insurance companies. We’ve all seen the television commercials—the poor victim of an accident is still lying on the pavement, dazed by his misfortune, when the insurance agent arrives on the scene in

a driving rainstorm, enormous check in hand. Cash on the dotted line, and generously more than is needed. The victim need not even pay for a phone call for help. This has never happened, of course. The fact is, long investigations to determine the “negligence” of the victim, including an arbitrary “minimum percentage of negligence” which reduces the amount of reimbursement, often culminating in court battles, intervenes between accident and payment. And instantly the payment is made, the cancellation of policy occurs (in the cases where it does not, an increase in premium rates is instituted). Also, the agent who is always so alertly on the scene, is actually alert in being on the scene to discover if your grass is mowed regularly, or some such thing, in which case the policy is cancelled because of “evidence of lack of

character" on the part of the policy holder. We've all been outraged by reading such cases in our newspapers. One man's policy was cancelled because a distant female relative of his was arrested on a "drunk" charge, evidence, no doubt, of a tendency toward drinking in this family, and therefore not a "good risk". The fact is, the insurance company will "protect" you only if there is no "risk" of having to pay off!

The proof of the fallacy in the insurance company claims that they annually pay billions of dollars to their policy holders is obvious when we inspect the magnificent buildings erected in which to do business, the fancy salaries paid to countless executives, and the billions in profits paid to the stockholders. It isn't the company that does the paying, but the premium payers, the victims themselves. The company takes no risk at all—the tables and statistics are so rigged by computers that all risk is removed, and it is exactly like the one arm bandits at Las Vegas which operate on a percentage for the house. True, they sometimes pay off a jackpot. But the fact is for every dollar paid in, the machine gives back only 50 cents (or whatever percentage of profit the owner of the machine—or insurance company decides he wants). Examination of the statements of the insurance companies always shows that there was a (very

large) profit.

The argument for insurance is that the individual may not ever have an accident, but if he does, he will be wiped out as an individual because of the giant personal loss. Thus, those who do not have accidents contribute a small amount to cover the unfortunates, and thereby avoid the risk of personal disaster. All this is true, but are premiums really predicated on the amount necessary to cover losses? If so, they would be much lower. Of course, an added income to the company is the fact that they have billions of premium money to invest and to loan, earning interest and dividends thereby. These do not seem to reduce the premium amounts, but instead show up as dividends and profits to the shareholders.

Are insurance companies reliable? Can you take out a policy, pay your premium, and trust that the company will now stand firmly behind you? Let's examine the case of one Ray Palmer, whose experience is personal, and therefore documentable, and quite true. He is 59 years old. Recently he added up all the insurance he had paid in his lifetime, ran the information through a computer, and discovered that from age 21 to 58, if he had taken all the money paid into premiums, invested it in a selection of 50 average stocks and bonds and loans such as savings

accounts, building and loan, etc., he would at this period in his life have a cash estate derived from such activities of (hold on to your hats!) \$136,000.00. Ray Palmer is in what is called the middle income group. That is, between \$7,000 to \$10,000 per year (before taxes).

However, he bought insurance. Now, what happened to that insurance? During all those years, he had two losses. Both were from auto accidents. Both went to court. Both were decided in his favor. In neither case did his own insurance company pay a nickel. Net cost to his insurance companies over a period of 37 years, zero.

But what was the cost of insurance to Ray Palmer? Example 1) He had a \$200,000 accident and liability policy on his property. He had specifically requested the agent to write up the policy to cover *every conceivable* contingency. If anybody tripped over his own clumsy feet while standing on his front lawn, the liability would be fully covered. But what happened? Ray Palmer fell in his basement, was paralyzed, and hospitalized for 9 weeks, and permanently disabled. When notified, the agent hurried to the hospital, stood beside the bedside of the almost dying man, and informed him that the "fine print" had excluded the *owner* from any coverage! NOW he tells me! Why hadn't he explained, when I said every

conceivable contingency, that there was *one* contingency—me? Cost to Ray Palmer, \$18,000 and a lifetime of disability and pain.

Example 2) We carried insurance on our converted farm house, which we use for a business office, from constantly increasing amounts because of added equipment and supplies, etc., of from \$4,000 (27 years ago) to \$48,000 in 1968. Suddenly, one day, a cancellation notice arrived instead of a *renewal notice*—the reason?—inspection had shown that the house was too close to the woods, and therefore the risk from forest fire, which could not be covered unless the woods were cleared to a distance of 300 feet, and all grass and brush removed from the intervening area, was too great. This fact was known 27 years ago, so why wait 27 years to cancel the policy? The reason is obvious—the computer had spit out the "statistic" that it was "about time" for a loss to occur, so now was the time to avoid the risk.

Example 3) For ten years we have carried \$65,000 insurance on our converted school building where we do our printing, and our printing presses and equipment. Just two months ago, a refund check was mailed to us with a cancellation notice, no reason given. Again, the computer must have statistically noted the age of the building, anticipated a possible loss, and

ordered a cancellation. In short, insurance companies don't take risks. They bow out on percentage a basis, just before the "three bars" come up on the slot machine. All you get is the "come on" of the two cherries.

Example 4) We have insurance on our home. We have comprehensive glass coverage. A year ago a windstorm broke some windows. Also, at an indeterminate time, a military aircraft sonic boom broke others. We reported both at the same time. Now, the company won't pay until we provide a written and signed statement as to the precise moment of the sonic boom, and which windows were broken by boom and which by wind. Since we didn't discover the cracked windows until later, we cannot state precisely when the damage occurred. Writing the air force does no good, because you must provide the time of the overflight, which will then be confirmed. However, they will not list their overflights, so that you can "pick a time". So you can't *swear* to the facts—and if you do, and the time is wrong, you are guilty of perjury and fraud. In short, you can't collect, on a technicality which you are unaware of when you buy the policy.

We wonder how many of our readers agree with us, that insurance is a racket, no different from the protection rackets of the gangster days when your windows were in no

danger of being smashed in the night because you paid an extortioner? You pay your money, and you take your chances—against a battery of clever and high-paid lawyers, a lot of clever small print in the policies, and the weight of a giant corporation which can stall you forever in the courts if you are brash enough to sue them.

We wonder how many of our readers agree that social security is no safeguard because inflation proceeds at a planned rate of about 3% per year, meaning that the insurance is completely eroded every generation?

We wonder why it is that we, the people, cannot set up our government so that insurance becomes a matter of mutual aid, and that we protect each other rather than the racketeers whose lobbyists have gotten laws passed for compulsory automobile insurance which the insurer can cancel anytime he likes, but you cannot?

Wouldn't it be a smart thing for all young people to invest their premiums, carry their own risks (after all, life is no guaranteed safe ride to glory!), until the initial ten years are past, after which you are ahead of the game enough to pay all personal damages, and can wind up in your old age with true security, which, like Topsy, just *grew* rather than *inflated* to dead phantoms of past security, or was plain stolen from you by gangsters masquerading as "insurance companies"?



POPULATION — AND THE FUTURE

By Ray Palmer

Out of China, sometime ago, came a piece of information which is possibly the most potentially dynamic news item of the day. We were informed that China was conducting a census, and would soon know the actual population of China.

Ever since we were children we have heard the old saw about how long it would take for all the people of China to pass before us if they marched four abreast. The answer was, of course, that they would never cease passing before us, because the column would encircle the earth. Since 1900, we've been told that the population of China was 400,000,000. We've also been told that the population (1950) of the world was 2,500,000,000. That gives China about one-sixth of the Earth's population.

Now, says the news item from China, the census takers estimate that their final figure will be somewhere between 800,000,000 and

1,000,000,000 people. China, in our eyes, suddenly becomes more than twice as big as before. If, as they say, the world population is two and a half billion, China would be about one-third of the Earth's population. However, we know now that this isn't really true. The Earth's population is closer to four billion, and in thirty years will be almost six billion. China today holds approximately one-fourth of the Earth's people within its boundaries.

What does this all mean to Earth's future?

In order to answer that question, we must consider the trend of history, and of human events, as it is in operation today. First, we know that nationalism is on the rise. All nations want their freedom. Most of them are gaining it. All of them will gain it. But why do they want their freedom?

America is the example being placed before the minds of all the world's people. We ourselves are

fostering that example, by constantly demonstrating our "standard of living," and pointing out that it is man's destiny to have all these wonderful things, and that we want all nations to have them, and are willing to pour billions of dollars into backward nations to advance their standards of living to a standard comparable to ours.

In order to understand what this desire of all peoples will lead to, let's just take the case of China. She is being industrialized, and will very soon now begin to produce the things that we produce for our own people. Her ambition is to produce in like fashion, and even to exceed. She wants to give all her people the same wonderful standard we enjoy. And not one single American feels that Chinese people should not enjoy a family car, a home of their own, a refrigerator, freezer, washing machine, electric stove, dish washer, etc. etc. In short, we Americans consider it right and proper that there should be 100,000,000 automobiles in China, and enough super highways to accommodate them. We feel that there should be 100,000,000 homes, occupying an average one-half acre of ground. We feel that they should have out-door theatres, parking lots, sprawling industrial areas, cities, vast airports, railroad right-of-ways, and all the varied space-occupying attributes of our "standard of living." Too, there

should be sufficient farm area to feed one billion people.

A glance at a map, a few calculations with a very blunt pencil, should show us the fallacy of our reasoning, and show us also how ridiculous our own idea about "a standard of living" actually is. It is just a simple fact that to extend our own standard of living to the world, especially to China, is a physical impossibility.

Even in our own country, by the year 2000, with a constantly growing technological advancement, it cannot be done.

The Earth cannot feed six billion, much less pamper them with the countless gimmicks we call our "standard of living." It cannot even produce the gimmicks in any sort of quality, for sheer shortage of material. As production increases, quality decreases. Steel gives way to plastics, and good plastics to cheap plastics. Value gives way to shoddiness. Good workmanship gives way to poor workmanship. And lastly, the monetary system of exchange and communication and distribution becomes astronomically costly and unbalanced to the point of hindrance.

What then will the answer be? If our civilization continues to advance technologically, it will plunge headlong against a wall of unyielding flesh. We will become a swarm so huge and milling about in such a fashion as

to burst the hive. Either the technology will have to slow down, establish a status-quo; or the population explosion will have to be halted. Even this last is not enough—the population will have to be reduced by more than half!

When Krushchev went to Peiping at the beck and call of Mao, he agreed to two things—atomic weapons and industrial piles to be furnished the Chinese; and fullscale industrialization of China. Both of these, when accomplished, will make China absolute ruler of the world, in potentiality. With his billion people, Mao can now threaten the world, even without atomic arms. In an atomic war, with general fall-out, three-fourths of the world's people can die, leaving China still heavily populated, and master of the situation.

China can live sans the machine—the rest of the world cannot. China can live without a “standard of living” other than mere subsistence; the rest of the world cannot. Reduced to primitives, the balance of power is in population, and China will outbulk the entire world. Reduced to a club in every man's hand, we will be beaten to death if we engage in combat.

However, once the industrialization is under way, once Mao has an equality of weapons, he is faced with the impossibility we have

mentioned—and his answer is one he already knows in his own mind. He must reduce not only the world's population, but his own. He must kill three out of every four Chinese. And he will do it. Therein lies the ultimate certainty of World War III. If we persist in demanding that life provide us with twenty-four hours of entertainment, while we shirk the labor with our hands that brings the sweat to our brow, we will be asked to pay the piper.

How many of us today spend all our working hours producing “toys” with which to while away our time? How much time do you spend daily at your television set? Sipping an ice-cream soda? Drinking a glass of beer, or sitting at a table in a cocktail lounge? Of watching a ball game? Or driving about the countryside? Or going to a movie? Of being entertained in a thousand different ways? How many of you *add* to the world's wealth, in building concrete things such as dams (water conservation, which is becoming a major problem, and one which may well bring our civilization to a grinding halt); soil conservation and improvement; reforestation; reclamation of waste lands; development of power; mining and processing of metals? How many of us produce works of art, good music, good literature, sound architecture, higher education, advancement of

moral values?

How many of us are already drones in our civilization?

If we were meant to be leeches, we would have been created leeches. If we had been created to be perpetually entertained, we would still be residing in the Garden of Eden.

We were created to face the problems of living, and to master them. We were told to master the world, and subdue it. Instead, today the world is mastering us. We are being herded helplessly like a vast flock of sheep to an inevitable slaughter which we ourselves have decreed by our insistence upon an impossibility. As people, we mean well. But we are foolish. We howl for security in our old age. We marshal soldiers to guarantee it for us. We deduct a tax from our daily pay, with which to bestow us with countless dollars when we are too old to do the work of providing for your own future as personal integrity decreed that we should do. We build a "pentagon" to be the magic symbol that will conjure a life of leisure and security for us. We sink into our easy chairs, stare fixedly at our TV screens, and decree: "So shall it be for all the world's people—and where in aitch is that confounded beer can opener!"

Where is your sense of pride in accomplishment (personal variety)? Where is your honor? Where is your common sense? How have you made

the world a better place to live in by reason of being born? How have you developed your own character, and aided in the development of others' characters? How have you shown your love for humanity?

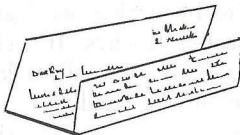
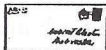
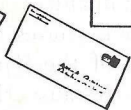
How will you escape the axe when the Maos of the Earth decree that it shall fall—because their selfishness is even greater than yours?

When will you grow up and understand that your aim in life is not to wallow in a mass of gingerbread, showy, frothy and inedible to the soul? When will you stop pampering your body, and begin exercising your mind? Are you going to fatten yourself until it is obvious that you are ready for the butcher?

No, you can't stop "progress." But you can *begin with yourself*. Do something constructive. Get out of that TV chair, and pick up the paint brush. Paint a crock full of fruit if nothing else—but DO something that will develop your own God-given talents, whatever they may be. Dig a ditch, if that's all you can do. Whatever it is, you can be sure that when the final accounting is made, it will count in your favor. It will be better to be able to say: "I painted a crockful of fruit" rather than "I drove a million aimless miles at a speed too high to see the scenery."

Pride, it is said, goeth before a fall; but to have no pride at all is never to have risen high enough to fall.

LETTERS



"FABIAN FREEWAY"

Dear Mr. Wentworth:

I have been re-reading your article in the November 1968 issue of Forum called "Super Government or Hidden Empire—Do they really exist?"

They do indeed exist, and you don't have to get off on the moon or into some fourth dimension to find them—"they" are breathing down your neck. There is a secret government which pretty much controls the world and this country. It is "the most fantastic story and (until now) the most closely guarded secret of all time."

But not any more. It's all here in one book—Fabian Freeway—the tremendous work of one brave woman. The whole history of the movement—who they are, how they work, what their purpose is. Your other writers came up with some good guesses and even had some of the right names. But Miss Martin has done the

digging and it's all documented so you can check yourself.

It's unlikely you will find this book in the bookstores and libraries wherever you live—I couldn't here—so I'm sending this ad. I've sent a copy of the book to Ray Palmer and hope to see a rousing editorial in Forum.

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EXERCISE IN FUTILITY

Dear Brother Ray:

Greetings in the Name, Will, and Power of YEHOWIH, the Great Spirit!

When the kings of Israel began to go from the right way, or to depart from it in an even worse manner than their predecessors, it became one of the duties of the college of prophets

to send one of their number to bear word that this was so and to call the king to repentance. YEHOWIH and His Hosts charged the prophet with a certain word for the king, and the prophet knew that if he did not deliver that word to the king, part of the ensuing sins of the king would be on the head of the prophet, for which he would answer later on in bondage in the spiritual world.

Little light and much foolishness has been visible in the letters from Oahspe readers and self-styled "Faithists" that have crossed your desk in the past several years. From this, you have surmised that the Arc of Kosmon had not yet occurred, and that the Kosmon era is not yet upon us. This being so, there were not the proper spirit entities present in sufficient strength to bring forth the Kingdom—hence the failure of attempt after attempt to found a communal colony by Oahspeans.

Furthermore, you have surmised the idea that at this change of cycle there would be a general clearing away of drujas—despite the fact that you cannot cite a single verse in Oahspe that states that such would initial that particular cycle. What was suitable for Lika's cycle is not suitable for the present necessarily.

You have completely forgotten the plain meaning of the word Kosmon, as defined in the preface to the book of Ben. It means corporeal and spiritual

knowledge—and this is very definitely the sort of age we are in. Spiritual knowledge was ushered in with the great Spiritualist movement of 1848—circa 1875—of this I am convinced by a study of the literature of the time.

You have chosen to believe that the founding of the Kingdom is far in the future because you see no present mortals of a high enough character that you feel that you could live with them in a communal society, much less entrust any of your property to them.

In other words, the teachers of light and truth (for so the authors of Oahspe claim to be) have given us a set of ethical rules we cannot live up to in our lifetime (mortal), the sum of such rules being designated the Kingdom.

That is to say, Mormons, Salvation Army People, Jehovah's Witnesses and others can at least try to live up to their rules, but sincere would-be Faithists and members of the Kingdom cannot.

That is to say, that since hypocrisy is one of the worst of sins, it is a sin to seduce a person from a religion which he can practice to one he cannot.

Since Oahspe, by your teaching about the date of Kosmon does this, you are committing a great sin by continuing to publish it.

Hence, you should stop, by your own logic and assumptions.

The real cause of Newbrough's failure is easy to see. For 2nd resurrection protection, a communal society is required. Judgement 25:4, 5. Now it is recorded that in the early days of Newbrough's group, all the money was put in Howland's name. There was nothing wrong with this for a year or two, to allow something better to be legally arranged. But the something better was never arranged. The control over the property, instead of being properly vested in a board of trustees, or in the members collectively, remained with Howland. True to their promise, the 2nd Resurrection reluctantly abandoned the community to the disasters that later befell it.

As to the Essenes of Kosmon, that organization had at its head for many years a meat-eater, Wing Anderson. Such a person cannot be a Faithist (Oahspe verses 16, 20, 21) much less the head of a Faithist organization.

To me it is quite simple—the heavenly forces are there, but they will not help those who will not properly commit themselves, or who fail to live up to their commitments. Furthermore, in the past guardian spirits would often almost hypnotize their charges into acting right; today we are given the opportunity and the glory to choose for ourselves at each step of the way. Such choice implies the use of knowledge—the knowledge for which this era was named.

In previous eras such knowledge was impossible, except for a few rabbahs—hence it was arranged that authority would flow from them, and people be somewhat hypnotized into accepting them. Today things are different, and because the higher spirits believe in freedom, they grant us freedom inwardly even after we have joined a Faithist organization.

It is the lack of freedom in some non-Faithist groups that makes for their rapid rise and success, such as Witnesses, Mormons, Adventists, etc.

At present there is no proper Faithist over-all organization—only the foregathering, of which your Oahspe Circle is a part, that precedes its founding among a small minority of Oahspe readers. Such a group will be characterized by a list of covenants which all its members must formally accept and sincerely live up to. Such a list of covenants must include those mentioned on pages 1 and 2 of Oahspe besides some others. At present, neither Kosmon Unity, the Eloist Ministry, or the Brotherhood of Faithists, nor the Universal Brotherhood of Faithists in Kosmon has such a list, to the best of my knowledge, Sam Johnson, who headed the last-named for many years, was a meat eater. Albeit far closer to being a Faithist than many vegetarians.

I will be publishing my light as to some of the covenants of such a group shortly—in fact, they will be in print

by the time this letter is published, if it is.

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● I got to the portion of your letter that states: "...you cannot cite a single verse in Oahspe that states that (a general clearing away of the drujas) would initial that particular cycle" and instantly a number of verses sprang to my mind, and I got out my Oahspe to look them up. Then, to my dismay, I read your following sentence: "What was suitable for Lika's cycle is not suitable for the present necessarily." First you challenge me, then you say that even if I answer the challenge, the answer will not be suitable (acceptable). Why then should I waste my time? So I will not. If you care to, you can find the verses yourself, and in the doing, will become more familiar with Oahspe, which it is obvious you are not at present.

I must now accuse you of the same thing you accuse me—wishful thinking. You, like Newbrough and the founders of the new Mexico Shalam, so want it to be the new cycle that you assume we are in it, although Oahspe says definitely we are not. All Oahspe says is that in 1848 the "spiritual" door was opened (Fox sisters), never to close again. Newbrough (and you) assumed this

was the beginning of the cycle. What you are unwilling to admit is that the "spirit rappings" of the Fox sisters, and most of the spiritual phenomena since then, are ACTUALLY the drujas who yet remain to be cleared away. What are these silly, sometimes vicious, often stupid manifestations but the manifestations of drujas? If you question my argument, then you will have to prove to me that these "trumpet blowers" are not drujas—and frankly that would be impossible, because I have a whole lifetime of experience with these drujas, not the least of which are Shaver's "dero", and if you can call them "high-raised spirits", you are indeed murdering the King's English!

However, let's be a little more inclined to charity, and I'll try to make my comments impersonal and calmly based on whatever reasoning powers I have.

There is a very clear presentation in Oahspe that the Kosmon "era" is a broad generalization, which begins even before the end of a "cycle" (Lika) and extends over more than one cycle. So, I will admit that the Kosmon ERA began with the 1848 event described. But the CYCLE to follow Lika is not specifically dated. There is a diagram showing Earth "in the present day" (indicated by a gap in a curved line) which suggests it is "beyond" a perpendicular line indicating a cycle division. The truth

of the matter is that the diagram has been printed in reverse. There is, roughly (measuring the comparative distance of the gap from the line) a space of 200 years (more or less, because the diagram is very crude) between the gap and the line. Newbrough and Howland, looking at the printed diagram, interpreted this to be proof that they were indeed beyond the beginning of the cycle, and approximately far enough within the Kosmon Era and cycle to conform with the prophecy in Oahspe concerning Shalam—so they proceeded to found the colony, which failed. This did not seem to suggest anything to them, or to later Faithists, although Oahspe is very firm in saying that the colony was NOT to be a failure, but would eventually take over the whole world, spreading its work and precepts to all countries and peoples. They did not deem it strange that they believed Oahspe to be accurate except when it did not conform to their own wishful thinking.

We (I should say Mr. Lhind) have now presented a reasonable and demonstrable “timetable” in Oahspe, based on positively reconcilable dates in both Oahspe and secular history, to prove exactly where we are in the scheme of things. And we find that the Kosmon CYCLE to follow Lika (which is not named except as the broad term “Kosmon”) will not begin

until 1994; that the “customary” and oft-stated fact in Oahspe is that cycles end with the cleaning up and removal of the drujas, which in this case will begin in 1987. It was this “common denominator date” which Oahspe students have long sought, that gives us the proper perspective on Orachnebuahgalah (or the cyclic framework upon which it is possible to prophesy—knowing the complete chronology of one full cycle, we are enabled to use the “numerology” of Oahspe to predict the events of the coming cycle).

How you can say that knowing the true date of the new cycle’s advent “seduces Faithists from living up to their religion” is beyond me. You ask me to renounce myself and my magazines entirely in order to atone for my “sin” in passing on this research work. By the way, have you read either the Bible or Oahspe in which both say: “Judge not, lest ye be judged”?

I knew Wing Anderson personally. He never ate meat in my presence, and stated that he did not eat it. I bought him a dinner one time, and while I ate meat, he refused it. You may be right about him being a meat eater, but your source is different than mine. I can only go by the facts as I know them, not the rumors which come to me second hand (your letter, for instance).

When you say “properly commit

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yourself", I am curious to know who is the judge of what is a "proper commitment"? I won't accept your analysis of that propriety, so where do we stand now? I am not antagonistic to you, on the contrary quite friendly and I respect you and your opinions. It is sad(?) that I do not agree with you, but I am "committed" to the facts I have uncovered, and until better facts come along, I am stuck with them. In my knowledge, your letter is lacking in the necessary facts to make the decision you have made, and which you expect me to adopt as my own decision because of some "proper commitment".

You are also correct in the knowledge of the nature of the faiths of the Witnesses and other sects. Concerning the Witnesses, calling them Faithists is highly erroneous. They condemn Oahspe completely!

Naturally, I know you are sincere, and I agree wholly with your concepts. It is simply the disagreement as to when the new cycle is to be dated that gives us cause for discussion. I hope you will consider the evidence we have presented, and try to determine if it is important or not in our thinking about Oahspe and Faithists, and what is happening and will happen in the world around us, both materially and spiritually.—Rap.

Dear Ray:

Since I dislike hurting anyone's feelings, I regret that my letter in FORUM, Vol. 4, No. 53, ruffled the feathers of Dr. Elizabeth Reams. She expresses herself well, and her subject matter indicates a prodigious amount of research, but I question the value of what this research has brought forth.

My use of the term "feathers," incidentally, means anything of little or no practical value. And by "value" I do not mean the dollars-and-cents variety always so much in evidence in Mammon-worshipping America, but any material actually beneficial—physically, mentally, spiritually or socially—to humanity as a whole and to Americans in particular. I simply do not feel that Hebrew genealogies and the skin coloration of the antedilluvians are in this category.

John Gunther's short note is another matter. Like millions during the last few years, he has come to realize what a gigantic hoax our Social "Security" system is. Of course there IS such a thing as economic security. It's all embodied in Technocracy's program, available for the past 37 years.

Perhaps the subject of economics is a bit too mundane to be proper material for such a magazine as

FORUM. However, under the present idiot system, our physical vehicles are in jeopardy—from nuclear bombs, atomic fallout, water and air pollution, food contamination, malnutrition, and many other hazards. All of these are easily remedied if we have the intelligence to recognize the proper solutions and the guts to apply it. If we do not, without our physical vehicles our Higher Selves will have some difficulty manifesting on this earth plane. Spirits would have a rather tough time publishing a magazine in America without some human help, eh Ray?

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WHAT ARE WE SEEKING?

Dear Rap:

It is being impressed upon my mind, that we, "Searchers" attention has been diverted in Quest of something we can never hope to understand—The Ultimate Truth! For as you have brought out, it is unattainable: we would blow out all our circuits before we came to an understanding of it.

But there are lesser truths which we should be searching for—those truths that effect our existence on this world—i.e. why does man not know himself—why is man enslaved to

ideas—just how much freedom is attainable—do we really have a purpose, or are we just kidding our egos, believing we are something special just so we can feel important? What is really the worth of our life—if any? Are there evils controlling the world, besides man's own ignorance—if so can we do anything about it—or must we just adapt?

How can man's real potential be discovered and utilized and applied to the world for better living for all—or is this just a dream? I keep feeling that it is along future lines we should be directing our major attention. We would get further and maybe even some day learn a bit about primal source.

Man has within himself a gizmo that records and plays back data—a recording device. Most people believe that this mechanical actor is knowing and learning—it is not. Knowing and learning takes place on an entirely different level—a level of awareness. It is on this level of understanding that people have their problems. The mechanical mind is just that—it does not reason. It merely receives impressions and plays them back. Hence a robotic mechanism. Real knowingness lies beyond this mechanical function. This function was intended to operate the body, not intended to reason with—people rarely reason—they merely play back what they have recorded from books, other

people, etc.

Deep truth is an understanding and cannot be written. The mystics say Truth is something you become. Just because a person is able to repeat data is no sign they really understand that data.

People have from time to time memorized the Bible, but it has also been proven these people had no better understanding of it than us ignorant ones. What two people in the whole wide world have ever agreed 100% on that book, anyway? Recall aids understanding, but it is not understanding. People understand in shades and degrees. Inability to understand one another is the major evil in the world.

The first thing we have got to realize if we are going to get along with people and learn anything from them is we don't understand at all! We understand words as we see color—no two people see the same shade of color—we only “believe” they do! Each person shades the meaning to words due to his own mental make up and environment. You can never be really certain he actually sees your point of view and you can't hope to see through his eyes and mind—no matter what! This is so because nature does not create any two things alike. It is said, apparently, that the God of the Bible made all people alike because the Bible writers were so ignorant they didn't realize nature

does not create any two things alike—and nature and God are the same. You only need one law: “Live your own life as you see fit—and allow others to do the same.” Why do we really need more laws than this? Ignorance and greed—that's why!

If you can't communicate with people on a subconscious level, you can't communicate—not really! Hence the only hope of communicating is through E.S.P.—via telethought—with “psycho-pictography”. Most “bible believers” condemn such mediums as work of the Devil. People have been educated to hate and fear the truth! If they hear a bit of truth, they yell “work of the Devil!” And in the next breath ask: “I wonder what's wrong with people today?” People today are mental cowards—afraid to think any thoughts not second hand!

People are so afraid of the unknown they are afraid really to question the Bible, for fear it might be right. If it was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Bible was 75% wrong, people so conditioned to fear, guilt and believing would mechanically go right on believing!

The only reason for being that has been impressed upon my psyche is “advancement of self through time and space”. It appears to me, Primal Source exists through growth and that by growing it expounds its consciousness. Our bodies are like reflective instruments through which

this consciousness manifests on this level or at this location on the spectrum?

If life cannot be enjoyed then what good is it? It appears that primal source has only one demand—growth-development. If one is not happy, it's usually because he is not developing on some level. To grant and be happy: can there really be more to our individual lives than that?

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CREATOR AND CREATION

Dear Ray:

In reply to my friend, Harry Tuck, writing in FORUM, Vol. 4, No. 56. Many of the FORUM readers may be interested in what I have to say. I am sorry that Harry did not read my letter, to which he refers, more carefully. But then, that is due, probably, to the inadequacy of the English language to convey ideas or concepts with any considerable degree of accuracy.

Harry is correct on several counts, in regard to mass creation, and also in reference to spirit possession and split personality. This reincarnation business has a lot of ramifications, and is certainly not subject to oversimplification.

However, there is one thing that Harry should thoroughly understand,

which is, that the Creator, which is the Universal Mind and Consciousness, is everywhere present all of the time in everything that exists, and especially in everything that lives and has animation. The Creator does not have to, as man does in his work, give individual attention to every separate creation in all of the little details, because creation is the life and activity within the Creator. All of these things take place within the body and being of a human being. The cells grow and perform their functions that are the nature of creation; that is the way they work. It is the ever-presence of the Creator that keeps them working. Nothing, man included, is separate from everything else. Everything that exists is part of the ALL-ONE, Jehovah, the Eternal. We might say that mass creation takes place in the human body, because many cells are wearing out and breaking down, and being replaced by new ones every minute of the day. The blood, bearing the building materials, circulates to every smallest part of the body for that purpose, and I think that can be called mass creation, in effect.

Jehovah said: And I quote: "I go not away from anything I have created, and say: "Go thou alone for a while", for such is not the method and order of My working, but I am ever present in everything I have created". End of quote. We say that

certain Laws or Principles have been established which always work in the same manner, but the Creator makes, or passes, no laws. He just works.

I believe Harry will admit that man does not make things, a radio, for instance, without a detailed plan to follow, so why should he think the Creator does not create according to plans, whether individually or in mass?

I also believe that Harry will admit that man cannot have consciousness and awareness until he has become at least the potential man, a baby. When the body of a child is being formed in the mother's womb, the cells and organs, bones, etc., are formed by one cell splitting to make two. There must be an intelligence present there which transcends any sort of intelligence possessed by man. We also can be certain that mere protoplasm possesses no transcendent intelligence.

Regardless of the opinions of agnostics, materialists, and religionists, it is a well known fact that man is dual in nature, in that, he is a soul, or spirit, residing in a body of flesh and bones. I can not imagine any possible way man could be a soul unless that soul enters and forms in the body while that body is forming in the womb. They must both be formed at the same time. As each cell comes into existence the soul consciousness also comes into it by the presence of the Creator there. One who will not

admit this must then resort to some sort of weird magic or hocus-pocus to account for the body having a soul in it. What we call "nature" is the Creator, and the Creator works naturally in all that He does. One of the most un-natural beliefs that millions of people hold, or which hold them, is the belief in a savior with power to set aside the orderly planned creation of man as a soul by the "eternal and almighty Jehovah", Who has said: And I quote: "I created man second "only" to *Myself* in attributes, and *I am sufficient unto My own creations.* "I need no saviors or intermediaries to bolster Me up. (emphasis is mine). Could any statement be plainer or more understandable?

Now, concerning this supposed (by the reincarnationists) ability of the spirit man to take on a new body and live anew in the flesh.

The spirit of man possesses exactly the amount of knowledge it possessed at the moment of death (so-called), plus what it learned in the spirit life, no more, no less. It has no creative ability in the spirit more than it had in the flesh. Since it cannot create a new body for itself, it must rely upon its ability (with help from a spirit physician, or without it, if he or it is high enough in grade to know how) to engraft itself upon the body of a newborn baby, which is not to say that the engrafter would be able to

control the life and development of that child personality. Under normal conditions it could be only a fellow-traveler, like one who hitch-hikes. The engrafter is connected to the subconscious mind of the host through the sympathetic nervous system, but ordinarily would have no connection with the "outer" reflective, thinking mind, which would be under the sole control of the body-owner. It would share in all of the sensations and experiences of the host, both good and bad, which is what it wanted in the first place. Unfortunately, conditions are not, or do not, always turn out to be, or stay, normal, so that there are occasionally cases where the hitch-hiker gains control of the vehicle, or the engrafted spirit gains control of the host body, and sometimes of the host mind as well. This is not proof of reincarnation. It is only proof that human psychology is very complicated.

Every baby born is a new soul brought forth by the Creator, as He says Himself, from *void*. (Now there is a word which needs exploration, which I may do in a future letter to FORUM.)

Now, respected reader, if you were the Creator, and intended for every new person (soul) you quickened into life to develop normally, by his own free will, would you approve of some ignorant and carnal minded,

half-baked, human spirit interfering with your work?

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● I would tend to agree with your comments on reincarnation, and you've stated the information from Oahspe quite accurately. It is obvious that the foetus is a *new* creation, and your concept that with each cell that develops, the inhabiting "soul" is also present, seems to me to be a reasonable one. It has always seemed to me that a spirit waiting to be reincarnated presents a supreme inconsistency when we compare that spirit or soul with an *original* (first time around) created human being, and ask ourselves why, in the latter case, the developing foetus has no soul, whereas in the first case, it did. It comes, as you say, to the necessity for some "hocus pocus" which certainly is at odds with the logical plan that we see in all developing creation.

However, I'd like to comment briefly on your third paragraph: You ask Harry to understand that the Creator is Universal Mind and Consciousness. It seems to me to be *possible* that they are two different things. If we are "second" to the Creator, then we cannot (as conscious minds) be part of that Universal (note that word) Mind and Consciousness that you suppose is the Creator. It

might be true that we are actually a part of the universal mind, but if so, then it is not synonymous with the Creator. Perhaps the Creator also created a universal mind and consciousness, which is the element in which we all function. It is quite a philosophic argument, and probably would lead nowhere in a discussion. But my point would be that you have asked Mr. Tuck to accept an assumption on your part. It is an assumption, isn't it?

Another thought—being a part of the universal mind and consciousness, and considering that the Creator was that universal mind and consciousness, then why would we need to learn anything, especially through reincarnation. Wouldn't we already know it?—Rap.

OAHSPÉ AND 1947

Dear Ray:

In your May, 1969 issue of FORUM, Vol. 4, No. 56, I was particularly interested in the letter by Charles Toland Minden, Louisiana. It was entitled "About Oahspe" on page 21. The significance of the year 1947 has meant quite a bit to me for some time.

I have held a private opinion that the Bible also pinpoints this date in the Book of Revelation. It may be of interest to you and the readers how I arrive at it.

I have always felt that Bible scholars have allowed themselves to be carried away by wishful thinking by their interpretation of the sealing of Revelations for "a time, a times and a dividing time". It seems far more reasonable that language was intended to be understood at the time the seal was lifted.

In present day usage the decimal system prevails and decades and centuries are readily understood. In solving for the possible meaning something less than 2000 years should put us in the ball park. Next we have three factors separated from each other. If we assign 1000 years to "a time" we can consider that, "a times," refers to centuries. The last possible times is 900 years and a dividing of time is 50 years.

Our total then is 1950 years. This brings us to the consideration of the error in our present day calendar. It is reasonably certain that Christ was 3 years old when B.C. began. At least a number of scholars are certain we lost 3 years in shuffling calendars. So the 1950 years of "a time, a times, and a dividing of time" becomes 1947. The Bible promised us signs and there were signs in 1947. Now Oahspe verifies it, so the season is at hand.

There is little to doubt, in my opinion, that the UFO's were the Heralds that foretold the lifting of the seal. And the signs continue. Crime, mental disorder, and military have

grown by leaps and bounds, but so has the good that is being accomplished in the world today.

Every social structure in the world is afflicted. We need not find fault with our society. These are times of personal trial and the judgments we earn for ourselves in these coming years will become more clearly divided and more discernible.

It might be worth a little research as to how many good and bad situations had their origin in 1947, and how much the breach has widened since then.

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FRIENDLY FRIENDS

Dear Ray:

Forum for May, 1969; Vol. 4, No. 56, page 24: You make the remark of being 100% alone in your belief that we are ruled by ONE CLASS (when I say 'WE' I mean 99% or more of the human inhabitants of this planet). People have little say on which war, where, or why. I think you're right—and a penpal feels the same way—don't feel friendless—it just ain't so.

Thank you for putting our religious (friends?) on a THOUGHT kick—best thing that can happen to 'em. UNLESS they base all their thoughts on the bible, in that case it's hopeless.

Just cuz we don't come a-whoopin' and a-laughin', don't mean you ain't

appreciated. I'd be willing to bet you'd blush, if you knew how many friends you *do* have.

Keep up the good work, and don't let these people who try to put you down, bug you. It's only the human beastie, at play.

I send your little magazine to aforementioned penpal—and he's simply tickled with it.

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● Not so long ago, I sat down and made a list of people with whom I have been associated over the past forty years, and each of whom have called themselves "friends". In my own mind, I had believed that my conduct toward them had been at the least "helpful". I had done favors for them, helped them out of trouble, given them jobs, taught them how to write, given them things I wanted for myself, stepped aside and allowed them to be the victor in some kind of competition, confided to them and done various things which to me are the elements of friendship. What happened? They lied, cheated, slandered, conived. Those I taught to write tried to get my job; those to whom I confided, blackmailed me; those I trusted, betrayed me; those I placed in responsible positions, stole from me; those to whom I gave aid, returned evil for good—and I've always wondered why?—Rap.